

City of Gresham
Natural Resources and Sustainability Council Advisory Committee ("NRSC")
Thursday, September 18, 2014
Gresham City Hall
Meeting Summary

Members:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Unable to Attend</u>
	Chair Chris Bentley	Kurt Fuerstenau
	Dan Blue	Jason Howard
	Joe Blubaum	Councilor McCormick
	Shannon Martin	
	Tracy Thorson	

Guest: Kathie Minden, People for Parks

Chair Chris Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, requesting a roll call. Due to the lack of a quorum, the previous meeting's summary was not approved.

1. Announcements

Mr. Blue announced the launch of GoCart!, a mobile app designed to communicate with citizens regarding solid waste and recycling collection service. Information is available at GreshamOregon.gov/GoCart.

2. NRSC Meeting Day

Due to schedule changes, the committee agreed to move regular meetings of the NRSC from the third Thursday to the fourth Thursday of each month.

3. Sustainability Report

Chair Bentley asked the committee to consider categories that should be included in the Sustainability Report. Categories discussed included:

- Energy: electricity and natural gas use, diesel and gasoline, renewable energy production
- Weatherization: little data available at City level
- City operations vs. community-wide tracking: City operations data more readily accessible; community information may be collected later as it becomes available
- Food waste diversion efforts
- Solid waste recovery: yard debris, compost, recycling, Earth Day event
- Water consumption
- Residential downspout disconnection and rain gardens
- Transportation: bike traffic, mass transit usage, EV charging stations
- Local food production
- Tree canopy coverage, greenspaces, riparian shade zones
- Air quality

Chair Bentley noted that ideally, data would be collected for City facilities, school facilities and the wider community. The committee agreed on a goal of finalizing a draft of the report by the end of 2014 and presenting to City Council early in 2015. Chair Bentley also suggested that it would be beneficial to have individual committee members chair subcommittees focused on the various categories in the report. Ms. Thorson noted that data collection should be only the first step to creating improvement.

Action Item: Dan Blue to provide a list of categories for which the City can provide data.

4. Mission Statement and Membership

Chair Bentley announced that the NRSC mission statement will be ready to be considered for ratification at the October NRSC meeting. He also noted that the committee bylaws allow up to 11 members, and requested recommendations to grow the roster. Several names were mentioned. Mr. Blue suggested promoting committee membership through the GREAT Business and Recycling and Solid Waste distribution lists.

Action Item: Mr. Blue to contact Aaron Abrams regarding contacts from the recent Green and Clean event.

5. Involvement of Elected Officials

Chair Bentley reported that he is scheduled to meet with DES Director Steve Fancher as a first step to exploring how to encourage more active involvement from City Council. Next steps could include a Coordinating Committee meeting with the Council Liaison and a meeting between Councilors and NRSC members.

6. Other Announcements

Ms. Minden updated the committee on the progress of the food co-op and international marketplace at the former Fred Meyer site in Rockwood. It is scheduled to open in the next few weeks and continue through October.

7. Adjournment

Chair Bentley adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 pm.

NOTE: This meeting was recorded in its entirety. Contact Dan Blue to obtain a digital recording.